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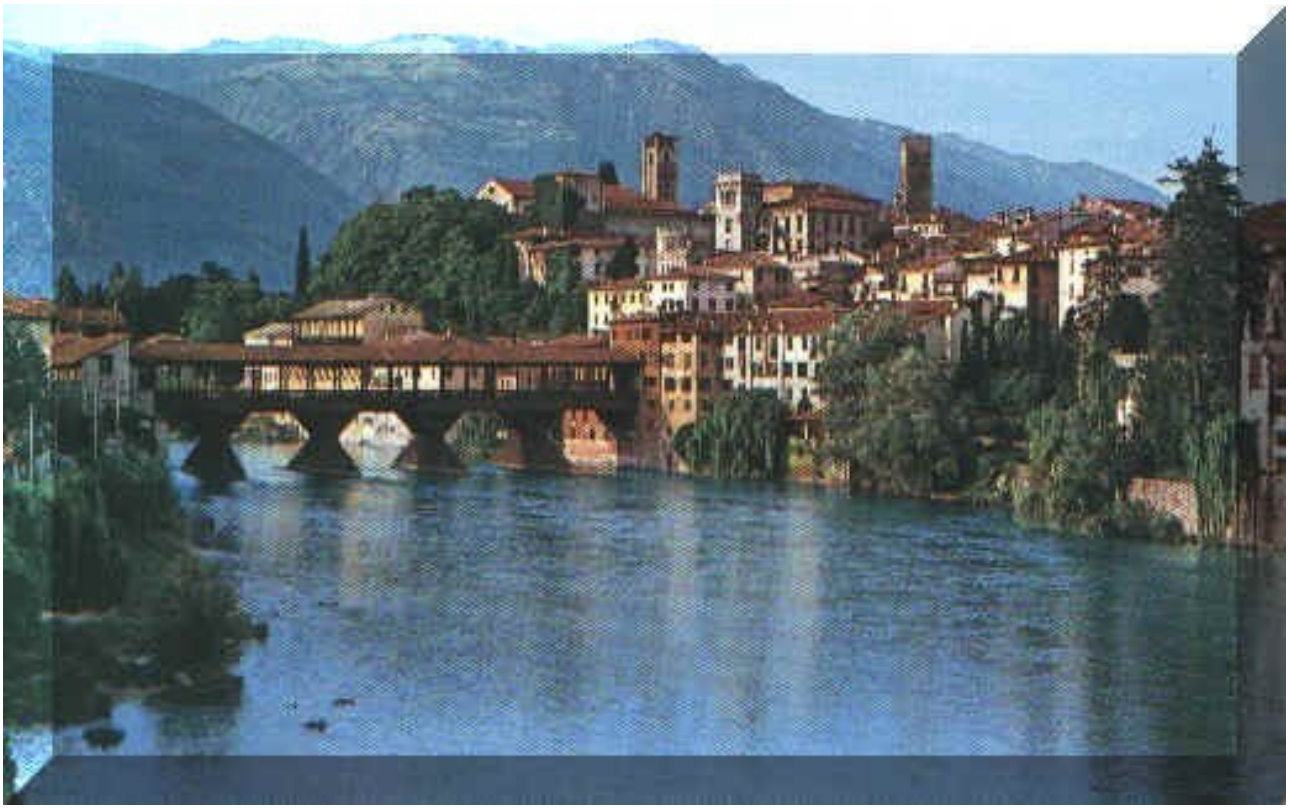

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Welcome to Bella Italia and the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Training Program.

The United States Southern European Task Force (Airborne) is honored to have the opportunity to host this event for you at the Hotel Palladio in beautiful Bassano del Grappa, Italy.

I hope that during your stay you will take advantage of the many briefings and social events to share your knowledge and experience with the other Senior Non-Commissioned Officers and spouses present. Together we can make this conference both informative and enjoyable.

Should you and your spouse need any assistance during your stay in Italy, do not hesitate to ask myself, Command Sergeant Major Lyons, or any of the many administrative support personnel who are here to assist you.

Nadia and I sincerely hope that you will find your stay here in Bassano del Grappa to be pleasant and fulfilling. We would also like to invite you to extend your stay in the Palladio Hotel following the conference at a fifty percent discount, or to call the Ederle Inn in Vicenza (0444-51-8034/5/6) and maybe do some sightseeing in the surrounding area.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Barningham

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBER

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Military Police	**114 (In Italy)**
Ambulance	**118 (In Italy)**
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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- **LAST GAS STATION IN GERMANY**

Take exit for INNSBRUCK/BRENNER/I off the German Autoba
You are going to find the last ESSO station in Germany at the
KIEFERSFELDEN exit on Autobahn 93.
After exiting the Autobahn, keep left and hang right until you
yield sign. Keep straight, pass one light and proceed up the hi
will then reach a T intersection and you will follow the sign fo
KUFSTEIN/KIEFERSFELDEN. Keep straight, pass one light a
proceed for about one km and you will find the ESSO station
after the traffic light, on the right end side.

- **DIRECTIONS FROM AUSTRIA TO BASSANO DEL GRA**

Once you are on A12 in Austria, follow the INNSBRUCK sign f
about 73 km. At this point you will need to look for a sign that
BRENNER/I or A13/E45. After about 12 km you will reach a to
It will cost you either DM 16.00, L. 16,000 or ATS 110.00.
Continue for 125 km to the border and you will be getting to a
booth for the Italian Autostrada, A22.
Continue until the Verona Nord Exit, get in the right lane and
a sign that reads MILANO-VENEZIA/A4 exit. Continue for 2 km
Exit right following signs for VENEZIA/VERONA SUD. Take ar
Right and continue on A4 EAST, towards VENEZIA for approxi
58 km. You will approach VICENZA and go through 2 tunnels.
700 meters past the Caserma Ederle Sign, exit for Autostrada
Proceed north on A31 for about 17 km. Take the DUEVILLE Ex
Paying the toll, take a left towards BASSANO for about 500 mt
Then come to a T intersection; turn left towards BASSANO ag
Continue for 14 km. At this point you will reach a traffic circle
Straight through it, following signs for MAROSTICA. After abo

Bear right towards BASSANO right after the Shell Gas Station.
Straight at the light. After 5.2 km you will see the sign WELCO
BASSANO. Continue straight and at light follow signs for CENT
You reach the ESSO station, bear right and go over the bridge t
Church. Take a right and at yield stay in the left lane and at th
intersection turn left towards CENTRO/ASIAGO. Proceed for 1(
And go straight through the light toward HOTEL PALLADIO. A
Next light proceed straight for CENTRO/PADOVA. Take a mand
right, at the traffic light keep straight and you will arrive to a T
Take a left towards HOTEL PALLADIO again. At the fourth traff
 you will see a statue in the middle of the road. The Continue st
you reach the first right turn and take the second right and you
In the hotel parking lot.

Bassano del Grappa

Bassano of the Grappa is found in the heart of the Veneto Region in North-eastern Italy. It lies centered between the city of Vicenza, home of the Southern European Task Force (Airborne), and the foothills of the Italian Alps.

The city of Bassano started with humble begins as an old parish of Santa Maria del Colle. It was taken over by the Roman Empire and throughout the medieval times it became a fortressed city and was conquered and reconquered by several disputing rulers of the area.

In 1404 Bassano became a province of Republic of Venice, the wealthiest port of the region, and entered a long period of peace and economic prosperity. During this period, the city had the opportunity to create a more independent ruling system, which promoted cultural growth during the Renaissance. Bassano was home to Jacopo Da Ponte, a valued painter of the 16th Century.

With the fall of the Venetian Republic, turmoil once again hit this city of Bassano, and it fell under Austrian control.

In 1866, after a series of revolutionary wars in Italy, Bassano became part of the Italian Kingdom.

At the start of WWI, Bassano found itself a prime area of combat. This immediately put a halt to any economic or social activities. Being part of the front line, nearly 7,000 inhabitants of Bassano evacuated the city in 3 days, at the end of December 1917.

The city was hit with over 500 bombs and nearly 250 houses and businesses were demolished.

At the end of the war, Bassano held a very important position in the attack of Asiago Valley and Mount Grappa that was being held by the Austria-German Army. Due to the bravery of the occupants and the fighting of the Alpini Corps, the Italian mountain infantry soldiers, the city was renamed Bassano del Grappa, and the famous Palladian bridge in the heart of Bassano was renamed Ponte degli Alpini.

Between WWI and WWII though, Bassano once again saw a growth of industry and prosperity.

For its participation in helping the Resistance during WWII, Bassano received the Gold Medal of Military Valor.

Bassano today is a bustling industrial city of nearly 40,000 inhabitants.

It is famous for its Grappa (a hard liquor made from the leaves, vines and skins of the grapes left over from wine production) distilleries.

Bassano del Grappa